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SUBJECT: DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

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1. DURING MY CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN VAN DER STOEL AUGUST 24 ON OTHER SUBJECTS, I ADVERTED TO HIS SCHEDULED VISIT TO WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 19 FOR LUNCHEON WITH THE SECRETARY AND OTHER CONTACTS. VAN DER STOEL SAID THAT THE VISIT WAS STILL VERY MUCH ON AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED, AND THAT HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING DR. KISSINGER, WITH WHOM HE HAD CORRESPONDED ONCE OR TWICE DURING THE LATTER'S ACADEMIC DAYS.

2. VAN DER STOEL OFFERED NO SUGGESTIONS ON TOPICS HE PARTICULARLY WISHED TO RAISE, BUT AGREED THAT HIS STAFF COULD DEVELOP THESE WITH THE EMBASSY IN THE COMING DAYS. HE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN ALSO MEETING WITH DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER, IF THAT COULD BE ARRANGED, AND WITH MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND OTHER SENATORS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS. VAN DER STOEL CONFIRMED THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD MAKE A BRIEF PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT ON HIS WASHINGTON VISIT AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, WHICH HOPEFULLY COULD BE COORDINATED WITH WHATEVER ANNOUNCEMENT THE DEPARTMENT WISHED TO MAKE.

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3. ALTHOUGH VAN DER STOEL IS AWARE OF THE ELEMENT OF
UNCERTAINTY CONCERNING SECRETARY-DESIGNATE KISSINGER'S
PLANS IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, HE IS OBVIOUSLY HOPING
THAT HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON CAN PROCEED AS SCHEDULED.
THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT IT WILL CONSTITUTE A DEFINITE
PLUS IN US-DUTCH RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY WITH A DUTCH
GOVERNMENT THAT IS STILL RELATIVELY NEW AND MALLEABLE
IN ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD THE UNITED STATES. I HOPE THEREFORE
THAT VAN DER STOEL'S VISIT CAN TAKEN PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 19.
I WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED IN GOOD TIME IF ANY
CHANGE HAS TO BE MADE.
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